Philippines. The concept of gratitude to God for an abundant harvest is a Catholic addition, even though this gratitude is also tendered to the spirits. 243 178

Cases of illness and a few deaths allegedly caused by these spirits or souls because a dulot was not held were reported. One incident affords an example. A resident of Barrio Caticugan became so ill he was unable to eat or sleep for three nights. This sickness occurred the day after a drinking bout in another barrio. Friends first brought him a wine called "Sick Pong," sold in the poblacion Chinese stores, and said to have medicinal qualities. Sick man could not drink the wine and his illness became worse. 243 753 [757]

He tried to think what could be causing his sickness; his heavy drinking was not considered as a possible factor. Finally, a manangbal (local herbalist, often called "quack doctor" in the poblacion) was called to question the patient. It was finally decided that his illness was due to failure to hold a dulot before harvesting his corn. An ancillary cause was thought the jokes he had told near a swampy place, unintentionally antagonizing the spirits that inhabited this locality.

The sick man contended it was unnecessary for him to hold a dulot for he was only a tenant; the dulot was the responsibility of the field's owner. The manangbal said this was not correct, the dulot was the responsibility of the person working the field, even if he were only the tenant. The patient promised to hold a dulot and it is reported his condition improved immediately. 243 755